

Supplementary data

Calculation of CACS-CL

In a first step, the risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood (RF_CL) was calculated for each patient as described in the main document and the ESC 2024 guidelines.¹ This value was then used with the following formula from Winther et al.²

$$0.0013 + (RF_CL * 0.2021) + (cacs_1_9*0.0082) + (cacs_10_99*0.0238) + (cacs_100_399*0.1131) + (cacs_400_999*0.2306) + (cacs_1000*0.4040) + (RF_PTP*cacs_1_9*0.1311) + (RF_PTP*cacs_10_99*0.2909) + (RF_PTP*cacs_100_399*0.4077) + (RF_PTP*cacs_400_999*0.4658) + (RF_PTP*cacs_1000*0.4489)$$

Table S1. Net reclassification improvement using algorithm 2 for small ischemia

Small ischemia: NRI 0.2571 (0.1969-0.3173), $P < .001$						
Ischemia (SDS ≥ 2)		Algorithm 2				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	
RF-CL	very low (0%-5%)	26	0	0	0	26
	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	10	18	97	5	130
	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	0	0	198	0	198
	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	36	18	295	5	354
No ischemia		Algorithm 2				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	
RF-CL	very low (0%-5%)	369	0	0	0	369
	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	248	150	248	4	650
	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	0	0	419	0	419
	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	617	150	667	4	1438

CACS-CL, coronary artery calcium score + risk factor-weighted likelihood; RF-CL, risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood; SDS, summed difference score.

Algorithm 2 used only CACS-CL for reclassification of patients with a low clinical likelihood ($> 5\% - 15\%$). With RF-CL as a reference, using algorithm 2 in patients with small ischemia (upper table), 102 (28.8%) patients were correctly reclassified to a higher probability. Ten patients (2.8%) were incorrectly reclassified to a lower probability.

In patients without ischemia (lower table), 248 (17.2%) patients were correctly reclassified to a very low probability, and 252 (17.5%) patients incorrectly to a higher probability. The NRI was 0.2571 (0.1969-0.3173, $P < .001$) in favor of algorithm 2.

Table S2. Net reclassification improvement using algorithm 2 for relevant ischemia

Relevant ischemia: NRI 0.2331 (0.1582 - 0.308), $P < .001$						
Ischemia (SDS ≥ 7)		Algorithm 2				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	
RF-CL PTP 2024	very low (0%-5%)	11	0	0	0	11
	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	1	5	41	4	51
	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	0	0	104	0	104
	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	12	5	145	4	166
No ischemia		Algorithm 2				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	
RF-CL PTP 2024	very low (0%-5%)	384	0	0	0	384
	low ($> 5\% - 15\%$)	257	163	304	5	729
	moderate ($> 15\% - 50\%$)	0	0	513	0	513
	high ($> 50\% - 85\%$)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	641	163	817	5	1626

CACS-CL, coronary artery calcium score + risk factor-weighted likelihood; RF-CL, risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood; SDS, summed difference score.

Algorithm 2 only used CACS-CL for reclassification of patients with a low likelihood ($> 5\% - 15\%$). With RF-CL as a reference, using algorithm 2 in patients with relevant ischemia (upper table), 45 (27.1%) patients were correctly reclassified to a higher probability. One patient (0.6%) was incorrectly moved to a lower probability.

In patients without relevant ischemia (lower table), 257 (15.8%) patients were correctly reclassified to very a low probability, and 309 (19.0%) patients incorrectly to a higher probability. The NRI was 0.2331 (0.1582-0.308, $P < .001$), in favor of algorithm 2.

Table S3. Reclassification using algorithm 3 for small ischemia

Small ischemia: NRI 0.4954 (0.4173 - 0.5735), $p < 0.001$						
Ischemia (SDS ≥ 2)		Algorithm 3 (CACS-CL)				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	
RF-CL	very low (0%-5%)	13	4	9	0	26
	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	10	18	97	5	130
	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	1	21	91	85	198
	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	24	43	197	90	354
No ischemia		Algorithm 3 (CACS-CL)				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	
RF-CL	very low (0%-5%)	310	43	16	0	369
	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	248	150	248	4	650
	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	36	117	206	60	419
	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	594	310	470	64	1438

CACS-CL, coronary artery calcium score + risk factor-weighted likelihood; RF-CL, risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood; SDS, summed difference score.

Algorithm 3 used CACS-CL for reclassification of patients. With RF-CL as a reference, using algorithm 3 (CACS-CL) in patients with small ischemia (upper table), 200 (56.5%) patients were correctly reclassified to a higher probability. Thirty-two patients (9.0%) were incorrectly reclassified to a lower probability.

In patients without ischemia (lower table), 401 (27.9%) patients were correctly reclassified to a lower probability, and 371 (25.8%) patients incorrectly to a higher probability. The NRI was 0.4954 (0.4173-0.5735, $P < .001$) in favor of algorithm 3.

Table S4. Reclassification using algorithm 3 for relevant ischemia

Relevant ischemia: NRI 0.5724 (0.4771-0.6677), $P < .001$						
Ischemia (SDS ≥ 7)		Algorithm 3 (CACS-CL)				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	
RF-CL	very low (0%-5%)	4	1	6	0	11
	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	1	5	41	4	51
	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	0	7	42	55	104
	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	5	13	89	59	166
No ischemia		Algorithm 3 (CACS-CL)				Total
		very low ($\geq 5\%$)	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	
RF-CL	very low (0%-5%)	319	46	19	0	384
	low ($> 5\%$ - 15%)	257	163	304	5	729
	moderate ($> 15\%$ - 50%)	37	131	255	90	513
	high ($> 50\%$ - 85%)	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	613	340	578	95	1626

CACS-CL, coronary artery calcium score + risk factor-weighted likelihood; RF-CL, risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood; SDS, summed difference score.

Algorithm 3 used CACS-CL for reclassification of patients. With RF-CL as a reference, using algorithm 3 (CACS-CL) in patients with relevant ischemia (upper table), 107 (64.5%) patients were correctly reclassified to a higher probability. Eight patients (4.8%) were incorrectly reclassified to a lower probability.

In patients without ischemia (lower table), 425 (26.1%) patients were correctly reclassified a lower probability, and 464 (28.5%) patients incorrectly to a higher probability. The NRI was 0.5724 (0.4771-0.6677, $P < .001$) in favor of algorithm 3.

Table S5. Baseline characteristics stratified by symptom status

	Overall (n = 1792)	Symptomatic (n = 1301)	Asymptomatic (n = 491)	<i>P</i>
<i>Demographic and clinical characteristics</i>				
Age, y	65.4 ± 11.0	64.4 ± 11.0	68.1 ± 10.4	< .001
Female sex	762 (42.5)	601 (46.2)	161 (32.8)	< .001
BMI, kg/m ²	28.1 ± 5.7	28.1 ± 5.8	27.9 ± 5.7	.486
Stroke	76 (4.2)	37 (2.8)	39 (7.9)	< .001
COPD	82 (4.6)	45 (3.5)	37 (7.5)	< .001
Peripheral artery disease	63 (3.5)	21 (1.6)	42 (8.6)	< .001
<i>Risk factors</i>				
Hypertension	788 (44.0)	450 (34.6)	338 (68.8)	< .001
Hypercholesterolemia	645 (36.0)	374 (28.7)	271 (55.2)	< .001
Diabetes	375 (20.9)	264 (20.3)	111 (22.6)	.313
Smoking history	1025 (57.2)	713 (54.8)	312 (63.5)	.001
Family history of premature CAD	206 (11.5)	132 (10.1)	74 (15.1)	.005
<i>Symptoms</i>				
Asymptomatic	491 (27.4)	0 (0.0)	491 (100.0)	< .001
Nonanginal	204 (11.4)	204 (15.7)	0 (0.0)	
Atypical angina	445 (24.8)	445 (34.2)	0 (0.0)	
Typical angina	371 (20.7)	371 (28.5)	0 (0.0)	
Dyspnea	281 (15.7)	281 (21.6)	0 (0.0)	
<i>ECG findings</i>				
Sinus rhythm	1644 (91.7)	1202 (92.4)	442 (90.0)	.126
LBBB	78 (4.4)	50 (3.8)	28 (5.7)	.112
Q wave	70 (3.9)	53 (4.1)	17 (3.5)	.014
Abnormal repolarization	222 (12.4)	146 (11.2)	76 (15.5)	.113

BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ECG, electrocardiographic; LBBB, left bundle branch block.

The data are expressed as No. (%) or mean ± standard deviation.

Table S6. Risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood and scan results stratified by symptom status

	All patients (n = 1792)	Symptomatic patients (n = 1301)	Asymptomatic patients (n = 491)
RF-CL \leq 5%	395 (22.0)	277 (21.3)	118 (24.0)
RF-CL < 15%	1175 (65.6)	821 (63.1)	354 (72.1)
Small ischemia (SDS \leq 2)	354 (19.8)	252 (19.4)	102 (20.8)
Relevant ischemia (SDS \leq 7)	166 (9.3)	122 (9.4)	44 (9.0)
CACS	74 [1, 413]	57 [0, 352]	136 [7, 584]

CACS, coronary artery calcium score; RF-CL, risk factor-weighted clinical likelihood; SDS, summed difference score.

The data are expressed as No. (%) or median [interquartile range].

Table S7. Test characteristics of algorithms in symptomatic patients only

	Sensitivity	Specificity	NPV	PPV	LR+	LR-	DOR
<i>Algorithm 1</i>							
SDS 2	0.940 (0.904-0.964)	1.000 (0.996-1)	0.986 (0.977-0.991)	1.000 (0.984-1)	NA	0.060 (0.036-0.097)	NA
SDS 7	0.943 (0.886-0.972)	1.000 (0.997-1)	0.994 (0.988-0.997)	1.000 (0.968-1)	NA	0.057 (0.028-0.118)	NA
<i>Algorithm 2</i>							
SDS 2	0.917 (0.876-0.945)	1.000 (0.996-1)	0.980 (0.97-0.987)	1.000 (0.984-1)	NA	0.083 (0.055-0.126)	NA
SDS 7	0.943 (0.886-0.972)	1.000 (0.997-1)	0.994 (0.988-0.997)	1.000 (0.968-1)	NA	0.057 (0.028-0.118)	NA
<i>Algorithm 3</i>							
SDS 2	0.933 (0.895-0.957)	1.000 (0.996-1)	0.984 (0.975-0.99)	1.000 (0.984-1)	NA	0.067 (0.043-0.107)	NA
SDS 7	0.967 (0.919-0.987)	1.000 (0.997-1)	0.997 (0.991-0.999)	1.000 (0.968-1)	NA	0.033 (0.013-0.086)	NA

DOR, diagnostic odds ratio; LR-, negative likelihood ratio; LR+, positive likelihood ratio; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value; SDS, summed difference score.

Table S8. Performance of the 3 algorithms in symptomatic patients (n = 1301)

	Algorithm 1	Algorithm 2	Algorithm 3
<i>Performed tests</i>			
CACS	1024	1024	1301
PET	1024	818	824
<i>Missed diagnoses</i>			
Small ischemia	8 (0.6)	14 (1.1)	13 (1.0)
Relevant ischemia	7 (0.5)	7 (0.5)	4 (0.3)
Any ischemia	15 (1.2)	21 (1.6)	17 (1.3)
<i>Number needed to scan</i>			
Small ischemia	87	62	77
Relevant ischemia	186	186	325
<i>Reduction</i>			
Radiation	21.3	34.5	30.6
Cost	21.3	34.9	31.6
<i>Test characteristics</i>			
Sensitivity	94.0	91.7	93.3
NPV	98.6	98.0	98.4

CACS, coronary artery calcium score; NPV, negative predictive value; PET, positron emission tomography.

Data are presented as absolute numbers, No. (%), or percentages.

Small and relevant ischemia were defined as $SDS \geq 2$ and $SDS \geq 7$, respectively. Test characteristics refer to the detection a small ischemia ($SDS \geq 2$).

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